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HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

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ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

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For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
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T. JACKSON,

Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation,
No. 1, Queen's Road East.
Hongkong, August 16, 1879.

NOTICE.

ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION.

THE AGENCY of this BANK at Foochow will be CLOSED and WITHDRAWN from 1st July next.

CURRENT DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS and FIXED DEPOSIT RECEIPTS will be PAID there AT ONCE with INTEREST to Date, or transferred to this Branch at the Exchange of the Day at the option of Constituents.

GEO. O. SCOTT,

p. Manager.

Oriental Bank Corporation,

Hongkong, May 28, 1879.

COMPTOIR D'ESCOMPTE DE PARIS.

(Incorporated 7th & 18th March, 1848.)

RECOGNISED by the INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION of 30th APRIL, 1862.

CAPITAL FULLY PAID-UP, £3,200,000. RESERVE FUND, £300,000.

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The Hongkong Agency receives Fixed Deposits on Terms to be ascertained on application, grants Drafts and Credits on all parts of the World, and transacts every description of Banking Exchange Business.

E. G. VOULLEMONT,

Manager, Shanghai.

Hongkong, May 20, 1879.

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ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION.

(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

PAID-UP CAPITAL, £1,500,000.

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.

At 3 months' notice 3½ per Annum.
" 6 " " 4 " "
" 12 " " 5 " "

Current Accounts kept on Terms which may be learnt on application.

GEO. O. SCOTT,

Acting Manager.

Oriental Bank Corporation,

Hongkong, September 4, 1879.

CHARTERED MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LONDON & CHINA.

(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

THE following Rates of Interest are allowed on FIXED DEPOSITS:—

For 12 months, 5 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 per cent. " "
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H. H. NELSON,

Manager.

Hongkong, May 31, 1879.

CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA.

CAPITAL, £800,000.

RESERVE FUND, £150,000.

BANKERS.

THE BANK OF ENGLAND.

THE CITY BANK.

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THE BANK'S BRANCH in Hongkong grants Drafts on London and the Chief Commercial places in Europe and the East; buys and receives for collection Bills of Exchange, and conducts all kinds of Banking and Exchange Business.

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A Portable 6-Horse Power VERTICAL STEAM ENGINE and BOILER, fitted with FRED PUMP and GOVERNORS, &c., Complete; in all its parts almost new.

A Powerful FIRE ENGINE, by Messrs HUNNAN & Co., Boston, with 40 Feet Suction and 100 Feet Delivery Hose, Brass Discharge Pipe, Nozzles, Wrenches, Hose Spencers, Fire Buckets and Belt, &c., Complete and Ready for use. This ENGINE will throw a 2" or 2½" Stream of Water about 180 Feet.

A Set of WELL-BORING TOOLS, comprising:—
1 V-Pointed ROCK DRILL.
1 Flat Chisel-Shaped ROCK DRILL.
1 WORM AUGER.
1 SHELL AUGER, &c.
8 6-foot Lengths of 1½" Square, WELL-BORING ROD, with Extra Stout MALE and FEMALE SCREWED JOINTS in Fruit.

1 TILLER for Working Rods.
A. MILLAR & Co.,
Plumbers, &c.,
Queen's Road East.
Hongkong, October 6, 1879.

FOR SALE.

THEOPHILE ROEDERER & Co's CHAMPAGNE.

awarded the GOLD MEDAL at THE PARIS EXHIBITION.

DRY VERZENAY MOUSSEUX:
Quarts, £17 per Case of 1 doz. Pints, £18 " of 2 doz.

MEYER & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, August 21, 1879. 21/80

FOR SALE.

JULES MUMM & Co's CHAMPAGNE.

in Quarts and Pints.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,

Hongkong, May 28, 1879.

NOTICE.

MONS. E. BERNARD, from SHANGHAI,

from which Port he has numerous Certificates, begs to announce to the Public of Hongkong that he is prepared to attend EVENING PARTIES, ENTERTAINMENTS, &c., with a FULL BAND of EIGHT INSTRUMENTALISTS.

Half the Band may also be hired as a String Band.

Terms, which are moderate, will be given on application.

E. BERNARD,

No. 4, Peel Street.

Hongkong, October 7, 1879. 0014

For Sale.

FOR SALE,

EX RECENT ARRIVALS.

DEVOR'S NONPAREIL KEROSENE OIL (Certified 150° Fire Test). The New STUDENT'S READING LAMPS for Nonpareil Kerosene, (are perfectly Safe and give a Light equal to, but more mellow than Gas). AMERICAN FLOUR OIL-CLOTH in New Patterns.

LIGNUM, the New Floor-Cloth for Halls and surrounding Billiard Tables. Royal IRISH CONSTABULARY REVOLVERS. COLT'S POCKET DERRINGER PISTOLS. AMERICAN DINING-ROOM CHAIRS. PERAMBULATORS. RIDING and DRIVING WHIPS.

BRIDLES. GARDENING TOOLS. HORSE CLIPPERS. CUMSHAW TEA. TODDY KETTLES. RUG STRAPS. LAWN TENNIS SETS. PAINT BOXES. PENKNIVES. RAZORS. SCISSORS.

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New SCARFS, TIES, BRACES, &c. WALKING STICKS and UMBRELLAS. GOLDEN GATE BAKER'S EXTRA FLOUR. Fresh HAMS and CHEESE. New HATS. COIR DOOR MATS.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Hongkong, October 1, 1879. 001

ROSE AND COMPANY,

31 & 33, QUEEN'S ROAD,

HAVE Received per FRENCH and ENGLISH MAILS, GLENEARN, &c., &c., Their NEW GOODS for the Season, comprising:—

BLACK SILKS. COLORED SILKS. BLACK SATINS. COLORED SATINS. BLACK CASHMERE. BLACK ALPACAS. Colored FRENCH MERINOS in all the New Shades. The New ATT-LEA CLOTH, &c., &c.

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CHILDREN'S SOCKS in great variety. PARIS KID GLOVES in 2, 4 and 6 Buttons. Black and Colored SILK GLOVES in 2 and 4 Buttons.

Piece VELVETS, in Black and all new Colors. New Millinery SILKS, LACES, RIBBONS, FEATHERS, &c., &c. The Latest Novelties in LISSE and MUSLIN PLATTINGS.

Gentlemen's New Designs in COLLARS and CUFFS. SHIRTS with and without Collars attached. UNDER-VESTS and PANTS.

All the new Styles in TIES, SCARVES, &c., &c. Gentlemen's Russian Calf and Kid GLOVES. SILK SOCKS. Cotton, Merino and Cashmere SOCKS in the Latest Designs. SOAPS and PERFUMERY.

Black FELT HATS. Ladies' and Gentlemen's UMBRELLAS, in all the Latest Novelties. Children's BOOTS and SHOES, in Great Variety. The New FRINGES of every Description. BRAIDS and TRIMMINGS of every Description. MILLINERY and DRESS-MAKING.

NOTE the ADDRESS—ROSE AND COMPANY, 31 & 33, QUEEN'S ROAD, (Formerly next Door to the HONGKONG HOTEL).

Hongkong, October 4, 1879. 0013

Intimations.

NOTICE.

OFFICE OF THE SHANGHAI STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, IN LIQUIDATION.

A TENTH RETURN of CAPITAL at the Rate of TWO TALLS per SHARE, will be made to Shareholders of Record on 13th October, Payable at the Office of the Liquidators, on MONDAY, 20th October.

Warrants will then be delivered by the Undersigned to Shareholders, or their lawful representatives, on presentation of Share Certificates for Endorsement.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 13th to the 20th July, inclusive.

By Order,

RUSSELL & Co.,

Liquidators.

Shanghai, October 1, 1879. 006

LOST or MISLAID.

A CHIT BOOK belonging to the Undersigned. It bears the Name and Address on its first page, and contains entries dating from 1874. Kindly return it to

H. M. BLANCHARD.

Hongkong, October 2, 1879. 009

YANGTZE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION.

NOTICE.

IN accordance with the Articles of Agreement, the Directors have declared a DIVIDEND to POLICYHOLDERS for the FIFTEEN MONTHS ending 31st December 1878, of THIRTY-THREE PER CENT. ON THE NET PREMIA CONTRIBUTED, payable at our OFFICE on and after the 15th Instant.

POLICYHOLDERS are requested to send in particulars of their Contributions.

By Order of the Directors,

RUSSELL & Co.,

Agents.

Hongkong, May 5, 1879.

Intimations.

COSMOPOLITAN DOCKS.

W. B. SPRATT & Co. have lately added an Extensive MACHINE SHOP and other APPLIANCES to the former Advantages of these Docks.

The DIMENSIONS of the DOCK are:—480 Feet, on the Blocks; 92 Feet Wide; Ordinary Tides, 21 Ft.; Spring Tides, 24 Ft.

Office, 20, PRAYA CENTRAL, HONGKONG. Hongkong, October 4, 1879. 40080

Shipping.

Steamers.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHEW.

The Steamship "NAMO," Capt. WESTROBY, will be despatched for the above Ports on THURSDAY, the 9th Inst., at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co. Hongkong, October 7, 1879. 009

FOR YOKOHAMA AND HIOGO.

The Steamship "LORD OF THE ISLES" will be despatched as above on FRIDAY Next, the 10th Instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents. Hongkong, October 7, 1879. 0010

SHIRE LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR YOKOHAMA AND HIOGO. The Steamship "RADNORSHIRE," expected here on or about the 10th Instant, will have immediate despatch for the above Ports.

For Freight or Passage, apply to ADAMSON, BELL & Co., Agents. Hongkong, October 4, 1879.

Shipping.

Steamers.

AUSTRALASIAN STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

FOR PORT DARWIN, COOKTOWN, SYDNEY & MELBOURNE. Taking Cargo and Passengers at through rates for all Australasian and New Zealand Ports.

TASMANIA, NEW CALEDONIA & FIJI. The Company's Steamship "OCEAN," H. WEBBER, Commander, will be despatched as above on or about the 25th Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to GEO. R. STEVENS & Co. Hongkong, October 1, 1879.

CASTLE LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR SHANGHAI.

The Steamship "BRAEMAR CASTLE," THOMSON, Commander, expected here on or about the 11th Instant, will have immediate despatch for the above Port.

For Freight or Passage, apply to ADAMSON, BELL & Co., Agents. Hongkong, October 4, 1879.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL. The Company's Steamship "AJAX," Captain R. F. SCALE, will be despatched on or about the 13th Proximo.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents. Hongkong, September 20, 1879.

OCCIDENTAL & ORIENTAL S. S. COMPANY.

NOTICE.

The Steamship "OCEANIC," Captain J. MORGAN, will be despatched hence for LONDON via SUEZ CANAL on or about October 20th, 1879.

First-class Fares to LONDON, \$300. For Freight or Passage, apply to the Agent of the Company, No. 37, Queen's Road Central.

H. M. BLANCHARD,

Acting Agent.

Hongkong, August 22, 1879.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL. The Company's Steamship "DEUOLION," Capt. R. J. BROWN, will be despatched on or about the 28th Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents. Hongkong, October 1, 1879.

FOR SHANGHAI, WLADIWOSTOK AND NICOLAJEFSK. The Russian Steamship "GRAND DUC CONSTANTIN," Capt. REBKOFF, will have immediate despatch for the above Ports.

For Freight or Passage, apply to SIEMSEN & Co., Agents. Hongkong, October 6, 1879.

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES. PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS. The Company's Steamship "VOLGA," Commandant GUINDA, will be despatched for SHANGHAI shortly after the arrival of the next French Mail from Europe.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,

Agent.

Hongkong, October 7, 1879.

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES. PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS. The Company's Steamship "474," Commandant ROLLAND, will be despatched for SHANGHAI shortly after her arrival from Europe.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,

Agent.

Hongkong, October 7, 1879.

Shipping.

Sailing Vessels.

FOR NEW YORK.

The 41 British Bark "GLAMORGANSHIRE," ANGAS, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to VOGEL & Co. Hongkong, September 25, 1879.

FOR HAMBURG.

The 41 German Bark "HANS," Le MOULTE, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to VOGEL & Co. Hongkong, September 25, 1879.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

will be supplied from the adjacent nullah. This will obviate the necessity of the troops bathing in view of the Married Soldiers' Quarters, as has hitherto been the case at North Barracks, a custom which has always been considered most objectionable.

JOHN JACK'S Dramatic Company are now in Hongkong, and will be here positively for ten days only, proceeding to Shanghai by the *Agamemnon*, in time to allow of their opening a season of several weeks there on the 1st proximo. They will give their first performance here to-morrow night, when "Our Boys," H. J. Hyron's comedy of unparalleled popularity, will be produced. The notices given by all the Indian papers of this Company, especially as they appear in "Our Boys," attribute much greater merit to them as actors than has ever been asserted of any such Company travelling in the East. We look forward therefore to a great treat to-morrow night.

Yesterday afternoon, about 4 o'clock, a portion of the verandah of the house No. 109, Queen's Road East, fell to the ground but luckily without doing injury to any one. The amah and child had a narrow escape, however, as they had just a few minutes previously been seated on a sofa in that part which gave way. A few months ago the adjoining house was destroyed by fire and is now being repaired; it is believed that in removing the old woodwork and masonry for this purpose, which were tied into that of No. 109, the verandah was weakened, and its stability lessened. The verandah is also much destroyed by white ants, but not sufficiently so to account for its giving way. All traffic on the road was stopped for about an hour as a considerable portion of the scaffolding of the house under repair, which was attached to the pillar which gave way, was also brought to the ground and blocked up the roadway. The remaining portion of the verandah is now shored up to prevent further accident. The house is occupied by Mr A. Blanchard, foreman blacksmith, in H.M.'s Naval Yard.

Dr. E. J. EITEL thus writes to our morning contemporary of to-day's date:—My attention has been directed to a statement which appeared in a local paragraph of your issue of Monday, the 29th ultimo, to the effect that I had said that I hold the institution of domestic slavery to be not contrary to scripture. As his Lordship the Chief Justice, in the course of the judgment he delivered yesterday, appears to endorse this unfounded assertion, and refers also to some one said to be of opinion that domestic slavery as it exists here is not contrary to the Christian religion, I think it but due to myself to state emphatically that I never said any such thing. On the contrary, I always held and still hold that modern slavery, in the ordinary acceptance of the term, whether domestic or otherwise, is contrary, not only to scripture and to the Christian religion, but to that universal religion whose essence is the common brotherhood of God and the universal brotherhood of man. It is an entirely different question whether the condition of a servant girl in a respectable Chinese family can be called slavery.

The German barque *Martha Brockelman*, which went ashore during the gale last week, has been got off the mud, (says the *Courier*), and was towed into Shanghai on the afternoon of the 8th ult.

The *Courier* says that the U. S. S. *Richmond* is expected at Shanghai shortly, probably at the end of next week. She was to have left Yokohama to-day (4th) for that port. The *Palos* will also pay Shanghai a visit in a day or two. She left Chefoo after the *Monaco*.

HARON & Co.'s Weekly Shipping Report.
Pagoda Anchorage, 27th September:—
Arrivals During the Week.—Sept. 22, Douglas, from Hongkong; 25, Sir Lancelot, from Hongkong; 25, Nestor, from Shanghai; 25, Kwang Tung, from Hongkong; 25, White Adder, from Shanghai; 26, Haeting, from Shanghai.
Departures During the Week.—Sept. 20, Sarpodon, for London; 23, Koralon, for Dundee; 23, Europe, for Shanghai; 24, Douglas, for Hongkong; 25, Hedvig, for Tientsin; 25, Koror, for Amoy; 26, Callor, for London.
Shipping in Port.—Cells, Lapwing, Sir Lancelot, Nestor, Kwang Tung, White Adder, Haeting.

A CORRESPONDENT favours the *Shanghai News* as follows:—"I was very glad to see in a recent issue of the *North-China Daily News*, a note on the responsibility assumed by officials for natural convulsions, so that Mr Chaloner Alabaster's notes on Chinese Philosophy have not been altogether fruitless, but have set people on the right track. Ten years ago, the note, instead of pointing out in singularly clear and felicitous language, as it does, the reason why the Emperor, Viceroy, &c., are considered accountable for earthquakes, droughts, famines, floods, &c., would have been confined to a remark on the utter absurdity of the Chinese and the hopelessness of attempting to deal reasonably with such an unreasonable people; whereas, when Chinese Philosophy is cleared from the rubbish which overlies it, it will be found that many of our most valuable discoveries in this field are identical with what they held at least three thousand years ago, and that there is a tendency in modern thought to accept as the truth what they declared ages before any Western had the remotest conception of it. The doctrine of the Tai Chi, and of the Yin and Yang, as misrepresented by missionaries and others, are, as they say, very absurd; but, understood, are singularly like the later teachings of Tyndal, Huxley and others."

THE China Merchants Co.'s steamer *Hochung*, Captain Petersen, now on the berth to take emigrants to Honolulu from Whampoa, will (as the *Shanghai Courier*) have her bunkers put up at the latter port, as this can be done more economically there than at Shanghai. The emigrants, to the number of about four hundred, probably, will have ample accommodation and their comfort will be studied as much as possible. To permit of plenty of air circulating in the 'tween decks, eight new ventilators have been lately added; extra water tanks capable of holding 10,000 gallons have also been taken on board here. When the vessel gets to Whampoa, she will receive into her lower hold a supply of water-casks which, when they have served their purpose, can be sold to whalers at the port of destination. In addition, a patent condenser or distil-aerator by Messrs Chaplin & Co., of Glasgow, is fitted up on the main deck. This apparatus has been tested to condense 450 gallons of water per day, so that there will be no stint so far as the water is concerned. On the lower deck, forward of the fore hatch, there is a dispensary, sick bay, and a cabin for a Chinese doctor. Other special arrangements have been made to prevent, as far as possible, sickness. The bunkers and part of the hold contain six hundred tons of coals, as it is cheaper to get them at Shanghai than down south. The 'tween decks are being painted. This operation will be finished after the bunkers have been put up. The trip from Whampoa to Honolulu, it is thought, will take from twenty-five days to a month.

VICTORIA RECREATION CLUB.

The Aquatic Sports in connection with this above Club were continued this afternoon under similarly auspicious and favorable circumstances. There were seven events on the card; they consisted principally of Diving, and drew forth a fair complement of competitors. The weather was all that could be desired, the various contests were well sustained, and the meeting on the whole was a most enjoyable one. As on the first day, there was a goodly number of spectators.

The following are the results of the several events:—
1.—Header from Stage.—First prize, value \$10; second prize, \$5.
Seven competitors came forward for this event, Messrs Bladon, Bevis, Bunker, Falconer, Grimble, Shepherd, and Marks. Each man took three headers from a stage 18 ft. above the water. The score was decided as follows:

Grimble,	1
Falconer,	2
Bunker,	3

2.—Short Race, (Handicap).—One prize, value \$10.
This was a most exciting race, the length of the bath and back. Eleven gentlemen started and were handicapped as follows:—Page and Hazelard allowed 12 seconds, Bevis, Angier, and Shepherd 9, Marks, Bladon, Bunker and H. Sampson 6, Grimble 3, and Dunman at scratch. When about three-fourths of the first lap Bladon retired. On the return a very close run was made by Dunman and Grimble:—

Dunman,	1
Grimble,	2
Hazelard,	3

3.—Running Header from Platform.—One prize, value \$10.
Six competitors presented themselves for this contest, which was a header taken from the platform on the outside of the bath. Some very artistic diving was displayed.

Falconer	1
Bunker	2

4.—Long Race, 8 lengths of the bath (handicap).—One prize, value \$10.
Ten gentlemen entered, and were handicapped as follows:—Wilson and Page allowed 55 seconds, Wingrove, Bladon, Marks, H. Sampson, Angier, and Shepherd 40, Bunker 30, and Dunman at scratch. A most exciting race ensued. Three competitors dropped out during the earlier laps. On the second length Sampson took the lead and retained it to the end, closely followed by Dunman, both showing some beautiful swimming.

Sampson,	1
Dunman,	2
Marks,	3

5.—Plunge.—One prize, value \$10.
Six competitors came to the scratch:—Messrs Bladon, Bunker, Falconer, Grimble, Shepherd and Dunman.

Grimble,	1
Bunker,	2

6.—Long Dive.—First prize, value \$10; second prize, value \$5.
Five gentlemen presented themselves to compete for the long dive:—Messrs Emanuel, Wodehouse, Bunker, Paquinon and Shepherd. Emanuel went nearly the entire length of the bath.

Emanuel,	1
Wodehouse,	2

7.—Consolation Handicap.—Two lengths of the bath.—One prize, value \$10.
Only four gentlemen entered for this, the last event of the meeting:—Messrs Hazelard and Wingrove, allowed 5 seconds' start, and Messrs Angier and Gordin, at scratch.

Hazelard,	1
Wingrove,	2

This race was very well contested, ending in Wingrove coming in a winner.
Time 77 secs.

PAUL Boyton thinks he can safely go over Niagara Falls in one of his suits. After he gets married he'll probably make the attempt.

"Darling husband," she said, "am I not your treasure?" "Certainly," he replied, "and I should like to lay you up in heaven."

They are bragging about the invention of a New York man who thinks he has placed the entire male sex under obligations to him. He has gotten up a patent corset with an automatic labor-saving hugging band attached to it. The band of the period has only to touch a spring and the arrangement hugs the wearer to her entire satisfaction without his wasting any superfluous energy or mashing his cuffs. The next thing we shall hear of will be some new-fangled consolation lip salve for old maids, which will pucker the lips like a six-horse-power kiss, and smell of tobacco, cloves and muskage was.—S. F. News Letter.

Police Intelligence.

(Before O. V. Cragh, Esq.)
Wednesday, Oct. 8.

UNLAWFUL POSSESSION.

Li Awa, 34, a coolie, was charged with being in unlawful possession of a bag of cotton this morning in Pottinger Street. Defendant stated he was asked by a man to carry the bag to the Central Market. He did not know the man and could not find him now.

Sentence.—14 days' imprisonment with hard labor.

ASSAULT BY SOLDIERS.

J. Thompson, 23, and T. Rolston, 23, privates in H. M.'s 27th Regiment, were charged with assaulting Chan Tung Sun, in the Queen's Road East, on the 7th instant. Fined \$1 each and to pay \$1 each amends to the complainant, in default seven days' imprisonment each.

ASSAULT.

Chan Ping and Chau Atang, boatmen, Commissariat Department, were summoned by Lau Akwan, another boatman in the same employment.

It seems there was some dispute about some money which complainant's brother owed to defendant. Complainant had paid the money owing but declined to pay any interest; hence the assault.

First defendant denied having struck complainant; the second said he asked complainant for some money he owed him, but he would not pay him.

Ordered to enter into their personal recognizance in \$10 each to be of good behaviour for twelve months.

FALSE SCALES.

Kwok Ping Kong, and To Atat, were charged by Inspector Orley and were each fined \$10, and Kwok Fuk was fined \$25, for having false scales in their shops. In each case, the scales are to be confiscated.

MORE GAMBLING.

Chan Ayan, 32, Teo Amam, 41, and Leung Achuk, were charged with public gambling at No. 9 Cheung Kang Lane, on the 8th inst.

M. I. Adams, Inspector of Nuisances, on passing through Cheung Kang Lane this morning, saw what appeared to be an empty house, No. 9; the door closed but not locked. On pushing it open, three men, the defendants, tried to escape by ladders on to the roof. The gambling table, cash and counters produced were found on the premises.

Leung Ping Nam, a rent collector, in charge of No. 9, said the house is untenanted at present. It was locked up with a Chinese padlock, and no one had any authority to remove that lock. The 1st tenants were convicted of gambling a few days ago, and the house has not been let since.

First defendant said he went there to smoke opium; second that he was a brick-layer and was sent to repair the roof; third that he was invited up to make his fortune.

Defendants were convicted of being rogues and vagabonds, and sentenced, first and third to 14 days' imprisonment with hard labor, the second to 17 days' imprisonment with hard labor.

UNLAWFUL POSSESSION.

Ip Atong, 25, a coolie, was charged with being in unlawful possession of a quantity of dyestuff.

P. C. 123, Lam a Kau, said he met the prisoner in Queen's Road West yesterday at 4 p.m., with the bark in his possession. Knowing that he had been in prison before, he questioned him as to how he came by it. He said he found it in the street. Witness had failed to find an owner for the wood. Defendant says he got the wood from a coolie in the street; he does not know his name nor where to find him; he does not want to look for him.

Prisoner admitted three previous convictions for larceny and one as a rogue and vagabond.

Fined \$10, in default three months' imprisonment with hard labor.

SELLING OPIUM WITHOUT A LICENSE.

Chan Akin, 40, a married woman, was charged with selling prepared opium on the 7th inst., without a license from the opium farmer.

Defendant admitted the charge and said her husband went away and left her without any money, so she supplied opium to the people in the house.

Fined \$60, in default six weeks' imprisonment, the opium vessels and half the fine, if paid, to go to the opium farmer. Prisoner went to goal.

MARINE COURT.

(Before H. G. Thomsett, Esq., R.N.)
Wednesday, October 8.

REFUSAL OF DUTY.

W. Dymal, J. Henosy, J. Martin, J. Fletcher, W. Baines, and G. Cameron, seamen of the British barque *Harvington*, were charged with refusal of duty on board ship, in Victoria Harbour, on the 7th instant.

Allan Porter, Master, states that yesterday the whole of the defendants, who are on the ship's articles, refused to go on with their work as their present rate of wages. He joined at Antwerp for \$25.60. All the other defendants had the same.

Sentenced to twelve weeks' hard labor at order of Captain.

OSTENDING A PASSAGE SUBRETTITIOUSLY.—Kwok Wai Chan was charged with the above offence by John P. Webster, master of the *Orestes*. Defendant was found on board after leaving Singapore. He was without a ticket, and on board without permission of any one.

Sentenced to four weeks' hard labor.

REFUSAL OF DUTY.

Andrew Jacobson, seaman of the British barque *Homestead*, was charged with refusal of duty, and making use of insulting language, on board ship in Victoria Harbour, on the 6th inst.

Alfred Dingle, master, proved defendant's refusal of duty, and said he made use of very abusive language. A medical certificate was produced, signed by Dr J. Stockwell, which stated that the defendant is "in a good state of health and able for his work."

Defendant said he would not go to work any more on that ship.

Sentenced to twelve weeks' hard labor at the order of the Captain.

China.

SHANGHAI.
(News.)

It is intended, we are told, that the forthcoming Waverley Ball shall be a triumphant success. Numerous orders have, it is said, been sent direct to Edinburgh, in order to ensure the greatest possible correctness of detail with the "Great Wizard's" descriptions of costume.

The steamer *Pautah* arrived in port last night (1st). She left Tientsin on Sunday morning, and on reaching Chefoo remained there eight hours and then proceeded on her voyage. Her later history seems to be somewhat as follows:—At Taku an iron patch was fixed over the damaged place in her hull, and she then proceeded to Tientsin. On the Thursday she returned to Taku, and was hauled on the mud on Friday. Out up steam the same night and again went to Tientsin, finally leaving on Sunday morning, and arriving here at 7.30 last night.

The *ss. Yungtze*, Captain Schultz, experienced rough weather on her passage up from Hongkong. Her report is as follows:—Left Hongkong at 3 p.m. on the 26th ult., and had light and variable winds to the Lamooks. At noon on the 27th weather very threatening; wind from N.W., with heavy rain squalls; bar. 30.07 and falling. At 4 p.m. bar. 29.90, wind N.W., high sea and very heavy squalls. At 6 p.m., wind N.E. by E., blowing a heavy gale at the time, with the sea high and confused.

At 8 p.m. the bar. registered 29.84, wind S.E. by E., blowing very hard in squalls, with heavy rain squalls. Kept blowing S.E. till midnight, when the bar. had risen to 29.94 and the sea was decreasing. At 4 a.m. on the 28th had fresh S.E. wind, clear sky, and the bar. rising. Had southerly winds and fine weather to Patahecock; thence to port had light N.W. winds and cloudy weather.

It is indicative of the growing obstructiveness of the Wosung Bar, that the *Hankow*, going down on Sunday morning, and drawing only 10½ feet, was grounded for a considerable time; while the *Tientsin*, unable to cross, had to anchor. There were lying outside for the same reason the steamships *Tigre*, *Guadaloupe*, *Louisa*, *Scandia* and *Glenearn*. The *Ajias* and *Viceroy* had only succeeded in crossing on the previous tide, the former after discharging a considerable portion of her cargo into lighters. Other vessels have since been similarly detained outside the bar; while, inside, the *Diomed* and other outward-bound steamers have been unable to get out of the river—at one time there having been delayed on both sides the bar not much less than 30,000 tons of shipping. Such an "experience" as this has never been met with before, and we hope will lead to some immediate and determined action; but we fear we hope in vain, for it does not yet appear who will set the example of earnest movement even in so important a matter.

HANKOW.

22nd Sept.
There is very little of interest in these parts at present. The examinations have commenced, the Potal having on the 21st ult. entered the hall, where he has to remain until the result of the competition is arrived at. The city of Wuchang is full of the competitors and their friends; who make walks over there attended with a certain risk for the next month. It is strange that all over the world the student class should be so prone to riot, and that the pursuit of literature and philosophy should be attended, apparently invariably, by a disregard of common propriety; and more especially that this state of things should be allowed to continue in China, where so much importance is attached educationally to outward decorum, and where it would seem the license and turbulence of the students could be so easily checked by a simple official proclamation that any student convicted of behaving in a manner so contrary to the dictates of propriety as taking part in the mobbing and stoning of strangers trusting to the hospitality of the Chinese people, would thereon be at once deprived of any degree he had already obtained and declared the opportunity of competing further. There could be no objection to such a proclamation, for it would be strictly in accordance with the Li; and if carried out we should have no more trouble, as we do more or less during the examinations.

There have also been some very serious gang robberies on the Wuchang side, but happily the robbers have not, so far, crossed the river.

The floods are rapidly subsiding, and the destructive pestilences denounced as imminent some two months ago, have not made their appearance, although the season has undoubtedly been a sickly one.—News.

Japan.

HIROGO.
(Hogo News.)

It is rumoured about town that the position of Foreign adviser to the Directors of the M.B.M.S.S. Co., with a salary of \$600 per annum, has been offered to and accepted by Mr J. Pittman. We are in a position to state that there is no foundation for that portion of the rumour which relates to the acceptance of the position by Mr Pittman, as we know that that gentleman telegraphed his refusal of the offer made him, the night before he left Kobe for China. If he has accepted the appointment, he has done so since he left the port.

NAGASAKI.
(Rising Sun, Sept. 27.)

The American ship *Charger* took her departure for San Francisco on Thursday, after a stay here of about six weeks.

The *S. S. Gleno* arrived here yesterday morning, en route for New York, and will probably leave again on Sunday evening.

The *S. S. Feya*, with Professor Nordenskiöld on board, will leave Yokohama during the first week in October, calling at Kobe and afterwards at Nagasaki.

The *S. S. America* has been chartered for several trips by the Mitsui Bussan Co. to load coal at their mine at Kuchikotsu for Shanghai.

The only naval news to report is the departure of the Russian gun boat *Nerpsa* for her winter quarters at Vladivostok on Thursday, and the arrival of the *Sylvia* from the Goto on the same day. The *Hornet* and *Sylvia* are the only foreign men-of-war in harbour. Two Japanese gun boats and a despatch boat still remain.

An action has recently been brought against the Master of the *S. S. Su-beam*, by the Commissioner of Customs at Kobe, for a breach of the Trade Regulations by the breaking of a seal placed upon one of the hatches, the judgment in which case will be found amongst our Kobe news. During the trial, it was suggested that a

Custom House officer might be allowed to remain on board at night, as seals were very liable to be broken, accidentally or maliciously, and that in both cases, under the present circumstances, the captain was held responsible and subject to a fine of \$60, unless it could be proved to the satisfaction of the Customs authorities. More substantial means of securing the hatches have now been introduced, as we see by a Consular notification in the *Hogo News* that the Commissioner of Customs has consented to supply locks, in place of seals, when requested by a captain of a vessel so to do.

The launch of the new barkentine *Aberdonian* was successfully completed early on Sunday morning last, and with the exception of a portion of her copper she is apparently little the worse for the stoppage, which, it has since been ascertained, was caused by the sinking of the ground underneath the ways. It is intended to bench her for the purpose of removing the copper and re-caulking her. She will afterwards go into Dock, to be re-coppered.

On and after the 19th instant the Japanese silver yen (416 grains weight and 900 fineness) was declared by the Government to be a legal tender, and Japanese subjects are in future authorised to receive them at par with Mexican Dollars. It is also stated that they will be accepted at the Government Offices in payment of Custom dues, land rents, etc. and will in every respect be looked upon as equivalent to the American coin. Following the notification issued by the Prime Minister, the Oriental and the Hongkong and Shanghai Banks publicly stated their willingness to pay and receive them on the same terms.

Efforts are now being made to extend the legalization to Shanghai and Hongkong, which will, if successful, do much to encourage, and consequently increase, its circulation: until it is accomplished, Government notifications will avail but little, and in the event of their expectations being realized the supply will certainly require to be considerably augmented.

PROFESSOR NORDENSKIÖLD IN TOKIO.

(Japan Herald.)

The three learned societies of Tokio and Yokohama gave a dinner on the 15th ult. to Professor Nordenskiöld, Captain Palander and the officers of the *Vega*. The idea of uniting for an entertainment to be given in common was certainly a happy one, and the three societies have every reason to congratulate themselves on the result of their first attempt at joint action. It had been intended to have the dinner at Utsuno, but the number was found to be so large that the great hall of the Koku-Dai-gaku was obtained for the occasion. Tables were arranged at the lower end of the hall, at which about one hundred and forty persons, ladies and gentlemen, found seats. The chair was taken by His Imperial Highness Kita Shira-kawa-no-Miya, as President of the Tokio Geographical Society. The Rev. Dr. Syle, President of the Asiatic Society of Japan, and Mr Von Eisenacker, H. G.M.'s Minister, President of the German Asiatic Society, were placed each at the centre of side tables. Among those present besides the guests of the evening were the American, English, German, Russian, and Swedish Ministers, several members of the Consular Body, and some twenty-five or thirty ladies. The dinner itself was very good, but the attendance was something exceptionally excellent, reflecting the greatest credit on the drilling of the 'old-ken waiters. As soon as dinner was over, the Chairman, who spoke in fluent German, gave "The health of His Majesty the Mikado." This was followed by the toast of "The health of Professor Nordenskiöld," and a variety of other toasts, which were made the occasion of some excellent speechmaking and much rejoicing; and after dinner there was a dance to the music of the Marines' Band.

Professor Nordenskiöld and the officers of the *Vega* were received in audience by H.M. the Mikado on the 17th ult. The party arrived at 2.30 p.m. at the Shinbashi station, where they were met by the Minister for Sweden, H.E. Van Stuedt, and, accompanied by him, drove in carriages, sent by the Imperial Household, to the palace at Akasaka. Here the party were received by the Minister for the Imperial Household, H.E. Tokutomi, who introduced them into the audience hall, where the Emperor was standing dressed in uniform, with their I.H. Arisagawa-no-Miya and Kita Shira-kawa-no-Miya on his right hand. The visitors ranged themselves to the left of the Emperor, and the Minister for Sweden then proceeded to introduce them individually by name to His Majesty. The presentation finished, the Emperor read from a paper a brief speech of welcome, in which he expressed his pleasure at seeing the Professor and his brave companions in his realm, graciously adding that the pleasure was enhanced by the fact that they had arrived by a route that had never been traversed before. The Imperial speech was translated by an interpreter into French, and Professor Nordenskiöld replied in the same language, thanking His Majesty for the honor conferred upon him and his fellow-travellers by granting them an audience, and also expressing his gratitude for the friendly and hospitable reception the *Vega* and its crew had met with at the hands of the Imperial Government and the Japanese people. He concluded by tendering his wishes for the health of the Emperor and the prosperity of his Empire. The Professor's reply having been translated into Japanese, the Emperor exchanged a few compliments with the Minister for Sweden, and then the party withdrew to an adjoining room, where refreshments were served, and where the two "rinceaux" came to bid them farewell. The *Vega* party then left, and returned in the Imperial carriages to the railway station.

A TERRA-COTTA VASE WITH SUPPOSED CHINESE INSCRIPTION DISCOVERED BY DR. SCHLIE-MANN AT HISSARLIK.

This small broken vase was dug up from a depth of eight metres on the site of an ancient Ilum by Dr. Schliemann in 1873, together with another similarly inscribed vase, figured on page 23 of his book "as No. 3, and many of those peculiar whorls, the original use of which has not yet been certainly determined, but which are considered by the discoverer to have been *ex voto* offered."

* Troy and its Remains; a narrative of researches and discoveries made on the site of Ilum by Dr. Henry Schliemann, edited by Philip Smith, &c. London, Murray, 1876.

Plate LI, Nos. 494, 496, as well as another with developed pattern, Plate XXV No. 367, are pronounced by Mr. Burnout to be imitations. The whorls, for example, figured in the same workman as the two inscribed vases, although he has not yet, as far as I know, given a version of the legends in Chinese.

The long and interesting discussion has mainly centred on this vase, and the decipherment of the inscription has called forth the efforts of many eminent orientologists, such as Martin Hung, Emile Burnout, Max Müller, Theodor Gomperz, &c. Mr. Burnout was singular in reading it as Chinese, and wrote: "Les caractères du petit vase ne sont ni grecs ni sarronites, ni phéniciens, ni, ni, ni—ils sont parfaitement lisibles en Chinois!!! Co vase peut être venu en Troade de l'Asie septentrionale, dont tout le nord était touranien." He would appear to have consulted a table of the radicals in the modern form and to have succeeded in finding an equivalent for every character with one exception—the seventh in his list—(see illustration). The first character shows at once the falsity of the method.

As written on the vase it has a distant resemblance to the modern character 升 (kung) but none whatever to the ancient form 升 as given in the *Shao-wen*, a Dictionary published in 121 A.D., which is described as representing two hands joined and held up as when presenting a thing. The third character written with four strokes differs from the ancient form of 升 (shih) which was written with two strokes only, one curved, the other perpendicular. Professor Douglas has indicated in a letter to *The Times* that the fifth character wants a stroke at the bottom and that the last has a superfluous stroke. The eighth, ninth, and tenth are all read + (shih), and explained to mean a thousand—"mille pieces d'efflores," but there is no authority for such a peculiar concatenation.

At the time that Mr. Burnout started the Chinese theory it was hardly taken as meant seriously, and only cited as interesting as one example of the tentative process of the new inquiry. It has now however been revived by no less an authority than Li Fang-pao, the Chinese Envoy at Berlin, who is said in a recent number of the *Nord-deutsche Zeitung* to have confirmed the identification made six years ago by the eminent orientalist Emile Burnout, which was greatly ridiculed at the time, and to be quite confident that the unknown characters which recur again and again on the Trojan antiquities, especially on the terra-cotta whorls, are those of his native tongue. He gives as the purport of the inscription that about B.C. 1,200 three pieces of linen gauze were packed in the vase for inspection. "This vase," adds the German paper, "seems consequently to furnish a fresh proof of the fictive commercial intercourse which the people of the 'Hyperboreans,' the Chinese, carried on with Greece and Asia Minor, a commercial intercourse as to whose route the Geographical Society here has just listened to a most interesting lecture."

This is a large conclusion from a small uncertain premise, as far at least as the vase is concerned. I have tried in vain to torture a date out of the inscription, and shall await with interest a more detailed account of Li Fang-pao's new version. Till that arrives it certainly cannot be accepted as Chinese. There is nothing like it, as far as my research goes, in any of the inscriptions on ancient bells, tripods, sacrificial vases and other bronze antiquities, among the many hundreds figured and described in Chinese archaeological books, from the *Po-ku-t'on* compiled in the beginning of the twelfth century to the numerous works by authors of the present dynasty.

Professor Sayce says in a letter to *The Times* of 11th June, 1879, "The authority of the Chinese Ambassador, high as it is, will never persuade any one acquainted with the characters of the Cypriote syllabary that the characters found on some of the objects from Hissarlik are Chinese. They belong to the curious syllabary which seems to have been used on the coasts of Asia Minor and in the islands of the Aegean before the introduction of the simpler Phœnician alphabet, and which continued to be employed in conservative Cyprus down to a late date."—S. W. BUSELL, in *China Review*.

Quotations.

